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A Correct Explanation of the Pilot Bill Which Benefits American Vessels and Charges the Foreign Bunker Steamer Only About Two-Thirds the Regular Rate of Pilotage.

The following conclusions are drawn from the unsigned ad. presumably of the foreign shippers and steam coal agents:

Increased earning of pilots during an unprecedented year of prosperity in shipping-after abolishing coastwise pilotage and increase of foreign—less than 8 per cent.

We have gone back nine years, through a fluctuating commerce and applied the proposed rates, with the following result (showing approximately that the increase and decrease would have been an-

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1898			•				6%
1899							17%
1900						2%	
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1902			•	•			21%
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equivalent to the argument that because a farmer profited by his wheat, tobacco or potato crop one season, that the price of these products should be lowered in subsequent years; or that if a lawyer gained big fees during any one year, that such fact is to be taken as evidence that his intelligence comes too high.

The Supreme Court of the United, defeat of legislation introduced in States has said that: "Pilot regulations are regulations

of commerce." "A pilot is as much a part of the commercial marine as the hull of the ship and the helm by which it

The unsigned and rather undiguified

press, supposedly by wealthy foreign press an opinion, which was not done vessel owners and coal agents, is in until he had read and thoroughly un line with the efforts which these for- derstood the provisions of House Bill eign vessel owners and agents have No. 75. made at Northern ports during the past Their opposition to a measure which few years; are making at New Orleans; means an addition of only one-quarter preparing for at New York; and con- to three-fourths of one cent on each preparing for at New 1918, to the Attenplating at other ports of the Attenped at other p

tacks strongly indicates that there is benefits upon American vessels. a concerted and determined purpose on The strongest argument used by the bodies of this and other countries.

fore the Virginia Legislature; "The only objection it has encountered in fact is from the re-

Congress in favor of the protection of American ships in foreign trade.' And that the protests from this

It is fitting to add that the editor

the part of these wealthy foreign in- opposition in discrediting the advisa-

source were out "Customary methods of foreign ship owners to avoid all port charges, wherever possi-

of the "New York Marine Journal" Is titlet made upon the Virginia Pilot a mariner of the "old school," and one Association through the medium of the who is exceptionally qualified to ex-

The simultaneousness of these at- lation which is intended to confer

terests to break down that liberal leg- bility of this legislation is the claim islation which is recommended for State that the pilots will lose nothing. Do pilots by the Supreme Court of the our friends, the agents of foreign ves-United States and other high judicial sels, conceive that in order to accomplish creditable legislation the welfare As said by the "New York Marine of another shall necessarily be sacri-Journal" of February 15th, 1908, with seed? Certainly the writer has never reference to the Pilot Bill pending be- made the statement that the Virginia pilots had suddenly been converted into good Samaritans; and if the forcountered in fact is from the representatives of foreign lines.

A close inspection of the name of those opposing this bill will disclose the fact that they are practically the same men who have for many years past aided in the eign shippers and coal agents were,

calculation, is, therefore, equivalent to the argument that because a farmer profited by his wheat, tobaceo or potato crop one season, the price of these commedities should be lower in subsequent years; while the statement as to the number of foreign carrying vessels; that entered our ports in 1907 is exaggerated by over 290.

They refer to the time unsumed by each pilot for his compensation as being about six hours a day.

What foolishness! The Virginia pilot's duties involve, in the matter of cruising and piloting vessels, about 6,000 hours yearly, or ten times as much service as the opposition's statement eredifs them with, while during the other, time, when they are not occupied, they are minute men and mats hold themselves ready at any hour for duty.

The dangers of the pilot are also discredited by the gentlemen, who, safely schelets.

Within the past afteen years one of these pilot boats, which are compelled under all weather conditions to lie in the path of shipping, has been sent to the bottom off the Capes; two others have been cut down to ine water's edge; another recently—had a part of he seemed difference in time and position would have meant complete cutting in two, with the loss of all on board. There are other "close calls," and it would have meant complete cutting in two, with the loss of all on board. There are other "close calls," and it would have meant complete cutting in two, with the loss of all on board. There are other "close calls," and it would have meant complete cutting in two, with the loss of all on board. There are other "close calls," and it would have meant complete cutting in two, with the loss of all on board. There are other "close calls," and it would have meant complete cutting in two, with the loss of all on board. There are other "close calls," and it would have meant complete cutting in two, with the loss of all on board. There are other "close calls," and it would have meant complete cutting in two, with the loss of all on board. There are other "close calls," and it w

Smith vs. Swift (8 Metcaif 332):

"From the very nature of the subject these provisions are entitled to a liberal construction, in order to give full efficiency to laws especially designed to promote the interest of commerce and to protect the lives and property of the citizens engaged in it."

And Lord Esher, referring to the value of pilots to commerce, said in Charlton 8, Asp., M. C. 29:

"It is understood that the price of steam coal was \$3.35, the price of steam coal was \$3.35, the protect that the price of steam coal was \$3.35, the protect of the year it is respectively and the price of steam coal was \$3.35, the price of steam coal